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### MISSISSIPPI ARTIFICIAL REEF HABITAT

#### GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mississippi Artificial Reef Habitat project proposes to deploy nearshore artificial reefs in Mississippi Sound. Nearshore artificial reefs provide valuable hardbottom habitat with foraging and shelter sites for various species of larvae and sessile epifuana and infauna (invertebrates and vertebrates). Currently there are 67 existing reefs areas that are each approximately 3 acres in size. At present, approximately half of the existing reef areas have a low profile and consist of crushed concrete or limestone. With the proposed project, approximately 100 acres of crushed limestone would be added to the 201-acre footprint of the existing reef areas.

#### RESOURCE BENEFITS AND RELATIONSHIP TO INJURY

The Mississippi Artificial Reef Habitat project would restore injured shallow-water resources in benthic habitats in the Mississippi Sound, resulting from exposure to oil, dispersant, and/or response activities undertaken to prevent, minimize, or remediate oiling from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

#### METHODS AND RESULTS OF OFFSETS ESTIMATION

A method called Resource Equivalency Analysis was used to quantify the restoration benefits estimated to be provided by this project ("Offsets"), resulting in expected production of infaunal and epifaunal biomass at nearshore artificial reefs. Offsets reflect estimated kilograms of biomass produced, and would be applied against secondary productivity injuries in the Mississippi Sound from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill as determined by the Trustees' total assessment of injury. A number of factors were considered in estimating biomass production, including, but not limited to, typical productivity in the proposed project area, estimated project life span and the size of the project. Total estimated Offsets for the Mississippi Artificial Reef Habitat project are 763,609 Discounted Kilogram (Dkg) Years of infaunal and epifaunal biomass (ash-free-dry-weight) at nearshore artificial reefs in Mississippi.

#### ESTIMATED COSTS

Total estimated project costs are \$2.6 million.

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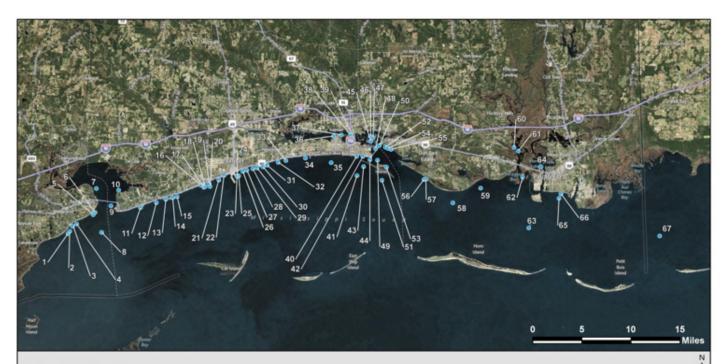












#### Inshore Artificial Reefs

- 1. Oak Street Reef
- 2. St. Claire Reef
- 3. Waveland Rubble Reef 2
- 4. Monroe Street Reef
- 5. American Legion Launch Reef 6. American Legion Pier Reef
- 7. Cedar Point Reef
- 8. Square Handkerchief Key 9. BSL Train Bridge Reef
- 10. Mellini Point Reef
- 11. Pass Harbor Pier Reef
- 12. Lang Ave. Reef
- 13. Japonica Drive Reef
- 14. Emerald Street Reef

- 16. Jeff Davis Ave. Pier Reef
- 17. Long Beach Harbor Jetty Reef
  31. Tegarden Reef
- 18. Long Beach Harbor Pier Reef
  32. Naval Hospital Reef

- 24. Urie Pier South

- 27. Kelly Ave. Reef

- . 15. Walmart Reef

- 19. USM Reef
- 20. Long Beach East Reef
- 21. Fournier Ave. Reef
- 22. Charles Walker Pier
- 23. Uric Pier North
- 25. Moses Pier Reef
- 26. Thornton Ave. Reef
- 28. Hewes Avenue Reef

- 29. VA Hospital Reef
- 30. Courthouse Road Pier Reef

- 33. Legacy Towers Reef
- 34. Broadwater Harbor Reef
- 35. Whitehouse Reef
- 36. Keesler Harbor Reef
- 37. Goat Island Reef
- 38. d'Iberville Marina Reef 39. d'Iberville Bridge Reef
- 40. Biloxi Harbor Reef
- 41. Keesler Rubble Reef • 42. Kuhn Street Pier Reef

- 43. South Deer Island Barge Reef
- 44. Joe Thornton Hull Reef
- 45. Spoil Island South Reef
- 46. Fort Bayou Reef
- 47. Spoil Island North Reef
- 48. Old Highway 90 Bridge Reef West
- 49. East Biloxi Channel Reef
- 50. Old Highway 90 Bridge Reef East
- 51. Katrina Key Reef 52. Ocean Springs Community Pier Reef
- 53. Deer Island North Reef
- 54. Ocean Springs Pier Reef
- 55. Ocean Springs Harbor Pier Reef
- 56. Gulf Park Estates Reef

- 57. Gulf Park Estates Pier Reef
- 58. Bellefontaine Reef
- 59. Graveline Reef
- 60. Pascagoula River Reef Site 3
- 61. Pascagoula River Reef Site 4
- 62. Pascagoula West River Mouth Reef
- 63. Round Island Jetty
- 64. Pascagoula River Reef Site 1
- 65. Pascagoula Front Beach Reef
- 66. Pascagoula Municipal Pier
- 67. Waveland Pier Reef